



ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

A Division of the Arkansas Department of Corrections

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Commission Meeting October 13, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Pat Roberts
Judge Shannon Blatt

Judge Mack McCain
Mr. Nathan Smith

Mr. Michael Robbins
Mr. Daniel Shue

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mr. Bob Balfe

Judge Gordon Webb

Mr. Keith Rutledge

STAFF PRESENT

Lindsay Wallace

Tawnie Rowell

Arik Cruz

VISITORS PRESENT

Joe West (Attorney General's Office) Solomon Graves (DOC)

Judge Gordon McCain declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Daniel Shue moved and Judge Shannon Blatt seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was approved.

Daniel Shue moved and Michael Robbins seconded the motion to approve the quarterly expense report. The motion was approved.

The Commission considered the Population Monitoring Report. The population remains at historically low levels. There is consistent under-utilization of beds at Community Correction Centers. Intake is open and being guided by the Department of Health.

Lindsay Wallace gave the Director's Report. Staff has moved to the new Department of Corrections Headquarters building. The Criminal History legislation proposed after the February 2020 meeting was approved by the Governor's Office and is ready for a sponsor. Staff will attend a budget hearing at the end of the month. The Sentencing Commission website is moving under the new Department of Corrections website. The content will be the same, but the look and style will be changed to match that of the rest of the Department. Staff continues to conduct virtual training when requested.

The Commission considered the Draft Report on Commission Proceedings and Compliance. This report is a combination of the annual compliance report and the biennial report regarding commission proceedings. We will clarify in a cover letter that this report is intended to meet both statutorily required reporting duties.

The next meeting date will be determined after resolving date conflicts.

Michael Robbins moved and Daniel Shue seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned.